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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition is at the heart of capitalism.

In terms of the internet, if we're limited to one or two providers we are not benefiting from competition and the result will be higher costs and fewer choices for consumers.

Broadband, like the internet in general, is not a luxury anymore, but a necessity, and it will become even more so going forward. Price hikes due to little or not competition will limit growth and participation in this medium. This is not a desirable outcome for the society or the economy.

My family and friends value competitive choice and urge you to oppose the USTelecom petition.

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